

What is Shelter

Shelter Cumbria is a provider of expert specialist housing advice across the whole of Cumbria.

Information, advice and advocacy can be provided by telephone, calling in person to the Housing Advice Centre or visiting one of the designated surgery locations.

Shelter is able to advise and help on a wide range of housing legal issues including:

- homelessness
- housing and council tax benefit
- allocations
- rent or mortgage arrears
- tenancy law
- harassment and violence in the home
- disrepair
- problems with your landlord
- prevention of homelessness

Evidence gathered from the advice service influences and informs Shelter's campaigning and development work.

Shelter Cumbria has a casework team, with a number of specialist caseworkers. We have two housing solicitors who are able to advise on all housing law and represent in court.

We run an Older Persons Project offering housing and benefit advice to anyone aged over 55. Shelter recognises that it is often difficult for older people to access services



to help them deal with their housing problems and we aim to address this and offer support and specialist help in this area.

We also operate the South Cumbria Offenders scheme – a caseworker works with offenders and those at risk of offending to secure accommodation and reduce the risk of re-offending. Also within this project we have tenancy support workers who work with offenders to empower them to settle into their new homes, maintain them and to feel confident to be involved in their local community.

We run surgeries across the county each week and can offer appointments for you to see any of our caseworkers, support team or solicitors.

Please contact us on 0845 120 4565 or cumbria@shelter.org.uk to make an appointment or to receive a telephone advice.

We have the Community Legal Service Quality Mark at Specialist Level.

Solfest

After the amazing success of last years Solfest at The Tarns Farm, Near Silloth, in August 2005, Solfest 2006 will feature even bigger names, bigger ideas and quite simply the best festival line up to date over the August Bank Holiday weekend.

Building on the success of the first two festivals, where last year over 5,000 people joined in the carnival spirit, absorbed the superb sounds and soaked up the atmosphere, Solfest 2006 promises to exceed last year in terms of thrills and highlights.

The Solfest site boasts the stunning backdrops of southern Scotland's Galloway hills on one panorama and the north Lakeland fells on the other.

With an amazingly

eclectic mix of music that encompasses, Celtic, Folk, World, Country, Singer-Songwriters, New-wave Legends and the best of local musical talent, the site also plays host to a cutting edge dance music tent, the renowned drystone stage, an even bigger acoustic tent than last year, a new barstage, and an amazing array of workshops and children's events and unique artworks that grace the festival site for the weekend.

Solfest 2006 has gone out of its way to bring the best of contemporary and classic sounds to Cumbria for the third year running.

Don't miss the most impressive and memorable music and arts experience Cumbria has to offer.

STAG

Silloth Tourism Action Group held a general meeting on 24th April, 2006. It was agreed to proceed with the following projects.

The development of a STAG website to showcase Silloth and the surrounding Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty as a quality tourist destination with a great deal to offer.

The development of a new Silloth Leaflet to be distributed throughout Cumbria to support and work in partnership with the website.

The ongoing organisation of the Solway Food and Drink Festival.

Meetings are held monthly at The Golf Hotel, Silloth and if you would like to attend a meeting or join the committee please contact the Secretary, Nic Ashby on 016973 33055.

Vintage Rally

Don't miss this years Vintage Rally, at the time of going to press there is a new record of entries for 2006. These include Cumbernland Wrestling, Auction of Vintage Machinery, Dance Formation, Truck Stands and 12 bands in the pubs and clubs. All Free!

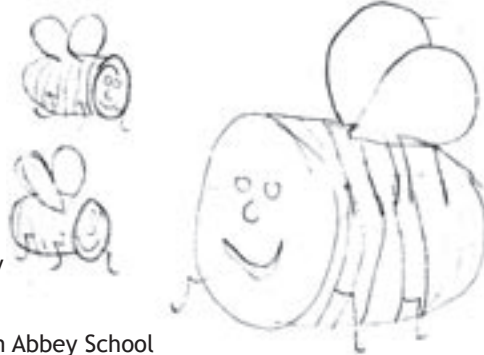
Tickets are selling well so get yours early to avoid disappointment.

Silloth RNLI Shop

Silloth Lifeboat Station Shop Opening Hours

Sunday - 11am to 4pm
Monday - 1pm to 4pm
Tuesday - 1pm to 4pm
Wednesday - 1pm to 4pm
Thursday - 1:30pm to 4:30pm
Friday - CLOSED
Saturday - 11am to 4pm

Due to a shortage of volunteers, we may not always be able to open. We apologise for any inconvenience.



Community Transport

A deferred meeting was held in April in which tributes were paid to Bill Johnston. Bill had been part of our committee since the days of the Solway School Governors Community Group. He was a very valued respected and committed member of the group both as a driver since May 1991 and committee member. Always a big contributor to discussions he will be a big miss to the community overall.

Volunteer drivers are our main concern. We seem to have fewer every year. A driver availability survey was sent out to our already registered drivers and the response was very poor indeed. This situation can affect the number of bookings we are able to take. No driver, no journey, less income to keep the service available to the community operational.

We have been informed from the Community Transport Association of new

seat belt laws due to be implemented later this year. Information will be placed in the bus to keep drivers fully informed. The penalties for failure to comply with the law could be quite heavy, so please take notice of the available information.

There are still seats available on the bus for anyone who wants to join the luncheon club or library runs. For luncheon club information contact Lawrence on 31257, for Library phone 32195.

The date for our AGM has been set for June 20th @ 7pm in the Community Hall.

If anyone can remember reading the March issue there was an item by Beverley Delay (nee Shaw). It ended "The world would be a sad and lonely place without volunteers". If you think you could volunteer a little of your time contact Rachel on 32679. We really could do with a few hours a year from a few people.

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